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## MRS. ANITA ORDILLAS

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Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,  
submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 3265]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 3265) for the relief of Mrs. Anita Ordillas, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

#### AMENDMENT

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof, the following:

That, in the administration of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Mrs. Anita Ordillas, the widow of a citizen of the United States, shall be held and considered to be within the purview of section 201(b) of that Act and the provisions of section 204 of such Act shall not be applicable in this case.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to grant the status of an immediate relative to Mrs. Anita Ordillas which is the status she would be entitled to were it not for the death of her husband, a citizen of the United States. The bill has been amended in accordance with established precedents.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 37-year-old native and citizen of the Philippines who is the widow of a U.S. citizen. She married her late husband on March 12, 1954, in the Philippines. He died at Honolulu on August 19, 1957, while on active duty with the U.S. Navy. The

beneficiary entered the United States on August 9, 1969, as a visitor accompanied by her 15-year-old U.S. citizen daughter. She desires to remain in the United States with her daughter.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated March 3, 1970, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the bill reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,  
*Washington, D.C., March 3, 1970.*

A-19035497.

Hon. JAMES O. EASTLAND,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 3265) for the relief of Mrs. Anita Ordillas, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill would grant the beneficiary permanent residence in the United States as of the date of its enactment, upon payment of the required visa fee. It would also direct that a visa number deduction be made.

The beneficiary, a native of the Philippines, is chargeable to the non-preference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND F. FARRELL,  
*Commissioner.*

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND  
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE S. 3265

The beneficiary, Mrs. Anita Ordillas, a native and citizen of the Philippines, was born on August 26, 1932. She is widowed and resides in Hawaii with the family of her sister-in-law. She was married in the Philippines on March 12, 1954, to Ricardo Ordillas, a naturalized citizen of the United States. He died while on active duty with the U.S. Navy at Honolulu, Hawaii, on August 19, 1957. The beneficiary has a 15-year-old daughter who was born in the Philippines and acquired U.S. citizenship at birth through her father. As the widow of a U.S. serviceman, the beneficiary receives \$336 a month in compensation and social security benefits. She is unemployed and has no appreciable assets other than a small parcel of land in the Philippines valued at \$2,500.

Mrs. Ordillas graduated from high school in her native country and then attended teachers college for 2 years. Her only gainful employment was from 1964 to 1966 when she was employed as a loan clerk in a bank. The beneficiary's parents, two brothers and two sisters are natives and residents of the Philippines. She also has one sister residing in California who has been a lawful permanent resident of the United States since April 4, 1967.

The beneficiary, accompanied by her daughter, arrived in the United States on August 9, 1969, and was admitted at Honolulu, Hawaii, as a nonimmigrant visitor for pleasure for 6 months. Her application for an extension of temporary stay was denied on January 5, 1970, because she had failed to establish that she intended to depart from this country within a definite time and that her requested extension was not merely an attempt to prolong her stay indefinitely. She was granted until February 5, 1970, to effect her departure from the United States. She failed to depart and deportation proceedings were instituted against her on February 24, 1970, on the ground that she had remained in the United States for a longer time than permitted.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

STATEMENT BY SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE

I would like to submit the following statement on behalf of Mrs. Anita P. Ordillas, presently of Honolulu, Hawaii, who is petitioning to remain permanently in the United States through S. 3265.

Mrs. Ordillas entered the United States on August 9, 1969, under a nonimmigrant visa, No. 001455, temporary visitors visa for 3 months. She received an extension for another 3 months. Mrs. Ordillas came to the United States to accompany her daughter who wanted to receive her education in the United States. Her daughter is a minor and an American citizen. Mrs. Ordillas' husband, now deceased, was a naturalized citizen.

All attempts have been made to adjust her status administratively. However, under the existing laws this is not possible. Her daughter is still a minor and is therefore not permitted to petition for her.

It is Mrs. Ordillas' desire to become a permanent resident so that she may remain with her daughter, who intends to complete her education and remain in the United States. I am certain you will understand that since Mrs. Ordillas is the sole surviving parent and sole support of her daughter, she finds it necessary to remain with her daughter. Mrs. Ordillas' support comes from VA and social security benefits she receives, as well as some assistance from relatives in Hawaii. I have received several letters vouching for Mrs. Ordillas' good character and conduct. She is a very well respected member of her community and church.

Passage of S. 3265 would mean that Mrs. Ordillas could remain with her daughter and give her the support and parental guidance needed while she continues her education in Hawaii. It is specifically for this reason that I support Mrs. Ordillas' petition and hope that relief can be given her through S. 3265.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3265) as amended should be enacted.

